







**DEEP WATER**

	<b>Multiple Choice Questions based on an extract</b>
<b>A</b>	<i>My breath was gone. I was frightened. Father laughed, but there was terror in my heart at the overpowering force of the waves. My introduction to the Y.M.C.A. the swimming pool revived unpleasant memories and stirred childish fears. But in a little while I gathered confidence. I paddled with my new water wings, watching the other boys and trying to learn by aping them. I did this two or three times on different days and was just beginning to feel at ease in the water when the misadventure happened.</i>
<b>1</b>	<p>Choose the correct option with reference to the two statements given below.</p> <p>Statement 1: The author's father laughed to mock his son's inability to swim. Statement 2: The author wanted to swim just to prove to his father that he can swim.</p> <p>a) Statement 1 is true but Statement 2 is false.            b) Statement 1 is false but Statement 2 is true.            c) Both Statement 1 and Statement 2 cannot be inferred.            d) Both Statement 1 and Statement 2 can be inferred.</p>
<b>2</b>	<p>"My introduction to the Y.M.C.A. the swimming pool revived unpleasant memories and stirred childish fears." It can be inferred that this was a clear case of</p> <p>a) suppression            b) oppression            c) depression            d) repression</p>
<b>3</b>	<p>The misadventure that took place right after the author felt comfortable was that</p> <p>a) the author slipped and fell into the swimming pool.            b) a bully tossed him into the pool for the sake of fun.            c) his coach forgot to teach him how to handle deep water.            d) his father couldn't help him from drowning into the water.</p>

<b>4</b>	<p>Choose the option that describes the equipment used by the author while learning to swim.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>(1)</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>(2)</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>(3)</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>(4)</p> </div> </div>
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	<p>a) Option 1 b) Option 2 c) Option 3 d) Option 4</p>
<b>B</b>	<p><i>Then all effort ceased. I relaxed. Even my legs felt limp; and a blackness swept over my brain. It wiped out fear; it wiped out terror. There was no more panic. It was quiet and peaceful. Nothing to be afraid of. This is nice... to be drowsy... to go to sleep... no need to jump... too tired to jump... it's nice to be carried gently... to float along in space... tender arms around me... tender arms like Mother's... now I must go to sleep... I crossed to oblivion, and the curtain of life fell.</i></p>
<b>1</b>	<p>Choose the correct option with reference to the two statements given below.</p> <p>Statement 1: The author tried his best to jump out of water. Statement 2: After a while, the author was not anxious in water.</p> <p>a) If Statement 1 is the cause, Statement 2 is the effect. b) If Statement 1 is the effect, Statement 2 is the cause. c) Both the statements are the effects of a common cause. d) Both the statements are the effects of independent causes.</p>
<b>2</b>	<p>The 'curtain (of life) fell' corresponds to an aspect of</p> <p>a) Geometry. b) History. c) Sports. d) Drama.</p>



3	<p>The purpose of using "... " in the above passage is to</p> <p>a) show omission. b) indicate pauses. c) shorten a dialogue. d) replace an idea.</p>
4	<p>Which option indicates that the poet lost consciousness?</p> <p>a) 'It was quiet and peaceful.' b) 'I crossed to oblivion.' c) 'Tender arms like Mother's.' d) 'It wiped out fear.'</p>
5	<p>The most appropriate justification for the title of the chapter 'Deep Water' is that</p> <p>a) it's about the dangerous depth of the swimming pool. b) It reveals the author's lack of surety about overcoming his fear of</p>

	<p>swimming. c) it underlines the author's fear of water and how he overcomes it. d) it includes the methods of the author's coach to overcome the fear of deep water.</p>
6	<p>The chap that threw me in was saying, "But I was only fooling." Choose the option mentioning the personality traits of this 'chap'.</p> <p>1. persuasive 2. irresponsible 3. domineering 4. manipulative 5. callous</p>

	<p>a) 1, 2, 4 b) 2, 4, 5 c) 2, 3, 5 d) 1, 3, 5</p>
C	<p><b>Answer in 30-40 words</b></p>



1	Seemingly small everyday wins are actually the greatest learnings of life. Comment on the statement with reference to the chapter "Deep Water".
2	If you could give the chapter a new title, what would it be? Support your answer with reference to the chapter "Deep Water".
3	Getting rid of fear is an extremely difficult task. Elucidate with reference to the chapter "Deep Water".
4	Discuss the significance of the references to the natural world in the chapter "Deep Water".
5	Describe both the physical and emotional impacts that the misadventure at the YMCA pool had on the narrator.
<b>D</b>	<b>Answer in 120 - 150 words</b>
1	Imagine that the bully who threw Douglas into the pool, reads this chapter and realizes his mistake. As the bully, write a diary entry penning down your response to Douglas' perseverance and your own feelings of guilt and regret.
2	Douglas' mother writes to the YMCA authorities holding them accountable for the mishap as well as demanding that the authorities employ a team of guards near the pool for supervision of the children. As the mother, write a letter to the authorities with reference to the case of your son.  You may begin like this:  Sir Subject: Negligence on Premises This is with reference to the incident of near fatal drowning of my son, William on your premises. We were...